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Police officers patrol the scene after a stabbing incident at a daycare center in Dendermonde, Belgium, Friday Jan. 23, 2009. An unidentified man entered the day care center in Belgium and went on stabbing spree Friday, killing two young children and a female worker and sending 10 others to the hospital, officials said.

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**SPORTS NEWS**  
**SUGAR'S SHOT**



Shane Mosley does a little shadow boxing after the weigh-in for his upcoming boxing match against Antonio Margarito of Mexico, in Los Angeles Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. Margarito will defend his welterweight title against Mosley, Saturday, Jan. 24, at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

See *Sports Today*

*Remembering the birthday of Aruba's National Hero*

# Sunday is Betico Croes Day

ORANJESTAD - Gilberto François "Betico" Croes was born in Santa Cruz on Januari 25, 1938. After his secondary education on Aruba, he went to Holland to study at Hilversum Teachers' Training College. In 1959 he obtained his certificate as a head master.

When he came back to Aruba, he started teaching at the Sint Jozef School and the Antonius College in Santa Cruz.

In 1967, the political carrier of Betico Croes started, initially as a member of the Arubaanse Volks Partij (AVP). When he was unsuccessful in taken over the leadership of that party, he broke away from it. In 1971, he founded the Movimiento Electoral di Pueblo (MEP). Since the founding of that party till his death, he has been president and party leader. However, he has never been a deputy in the Aruban Island Government nor has he ever been a minister in a cabinet of the Netherlands Antilles. He did however have great political power as 'consehero general' (general advisor) of the Aruban coalition governments in which the MEP took part.

As a politician, Betico Croes has devoted himself especially to the self-determination of the Aruban people. In 1976, he took the initiative to adopt an Aruban flag and an Aruban anthem. Croes and the MEP strived for a separate status for Aruba within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, independent of the Netherlands Antilles. On March of 1977, on his initiative, a referendum was held (turnout 82%), in which the Aruban population declared itself in favor of independence with a majority of 57%. Later on, it turned out to be the Status Aparte.

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# Boat capsizes, 10 still missing



ST. CROIX--A boat carrying mostly Haitian immigrants from St. Maarten/St. Martin capsized late Monday after hitting a reef off the British Virgin Islands. At least ten people are still missing.

British and U.S. Coast Guard

crews are looking for possibly five men, three children and two women after the "flimsy" and "grossly overcrowded" boat sank, according to online news posts on Wednesday.

The Coast Guard of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba

did not have any information about the illegal departure of at least 25 persons from the island early this week.

At least one body had been found adrift in the seas up to early evening, according to U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Ricardo Castrodad in a FoxNews online post. Thirteen migrants, including two Sri Lankans, were rescued by

a passing fishing boat and authorities are "struggling to identify" them. "Two others managed to swim safely to shore," FoxNews reported.

A British Virgin Islands spokesperson said: "Two of the missing people are also from the island nation off India's southern tip where a civil war has lasted 25 years and killed more than 70,000."

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# Remembering the birthday of Aruba's National Hero

*Continued from Front Page*

In 1977, when the MEP as majority party on Aruba was excluded from the Central government, Betico Croes called upon the Aruban people to rise against the domination by Curaçao. The situation

escalated and Curaçao sent riot troops to Aruba. The Dutch government then began to recognize that the demands of Aruba had to be taken very seriously, and they invited a delegation to come to The Hague for talks. There Betico

Croes successfully pleaded for the Status Aparte for Aruba. Betico Croes led the Aruban delegation during the decisive Round Table Conferences in February of 1981 and in March of 1983, where he succeeded in



obtaining the Status Aparte for Aruba as of January 1st, 1986. A condition from the part of the Netherlands was the total

independence of Aruba ten years later, on January 1st, 1996. Though Croes himself did not want an independent

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Aruba at all, he agreed, hoping he could prevent the independence later on. That clause was indeed erased in 1990.

In his rhetoric speeches, Croes stated that he would not be afraid of martyrdom to achieve the 'causa sagrado' (holy goal) of the Aruban people. Betico himself has been jailed when a weapon was found in his car; a conspiracy, he said. He also was shot at by a police man during an election rally.

On December 31, 1985, at the eve of the day 'his' Status Aparte took effect, Betico Croes got into a traffic accident in which he was seriously wounded. He got into a coma and would never regain consciousness. Almost eleven months later, on November 26, 1986, he passed away. Betico Croes is considered as the Aruban Father of his country and is being referred to by his supporters as 'Libertador di Aruba' (Liberator of Aruba).

Croes was the advocate of the Aruban flag and the anthem "Aruba Dushi Tera", which were both inaugurated

in 1976. On March 18, the 'Dia di Hymno y Bandera' (Day of Flag and Anthem) is being celebrated as an official holiday. The day of birth of Betico, January 25th, is an official holiday too, 'Dia di Betico' (Day of Betico). The Nassaustraat, the main street in downtown Oranjestad, has been renamed after his death to 'Caya Gilberto François (Betico) Croes', in short the Caya Betico Croes. The square behind the Cas di Cultura (Cultural Centre) on the Vondellaan, has been named after him: "Plaza Libertador Betico Croes". There stands a statue of him, another one is to be found on the front porch of the house where he was born, in Santa Cruz. This statue will soon be relocated to the square next to that house, which will be dedicated to his memory. It will be part of the Betico Croes Museum that is now under construction at the central intersection in Santa Cruz.

The most famous quotation by Betico Croes is undoubtedly: "Si mi cai na caminda, gara e bandera y sigui cu e lucha". (If I might go under along the way, pick up the flag and go on with the fight). □



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the month, giving everyone the opportunity to participate and dance to Aruba's most popular brass band, steel band and roadmarch tunes. "Carnival is one of Aruba's most important and vibrant celebrations," said Gina Lopez, public relations director for the Aruba Tourism Authority. "It is a great opportunity for both the local people and visitors to get involved in these exciting cultural events, giving visitors a true inside look into the color, flare and enthusiasm of the Aruban people." The main attractions include events like the Carnival Queen Election, which takes place on February 6, where Aruba elects one of



its most important Carnival representatives, the Aruba Carnival Queen. Aruba's Tivoli Lighting Parade takes place on February 14 in downtown Oranjestad and incorporates thousands of tiny lights into costumes, road pieces and floats, bringing an added dramatic effect to the extravagant display. February 18 marks Aruba's annual Tourist Night at Paseo Herencia, featuring steel band music and some of the best costumes featured during Carnival. Carnival's biggest event is the 55th Grand Carnival Parade, an all-day event, which winds its way down city avenues to the delight of thousands of spectators. The Grand Parade takes place on February 22, and is filled with music and festive floats and costumes, in imaginative designs and decorated with a wide variety of colorful stones and feathers, creating a unique display. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. in Oranjestad and continues into the evening hours. □

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ORANJESTAD - The brooch that Anna Mathilda Oduber wore during the last century, which misspelled her name, is the name of a most unusual restaurant on Aruba. Matilde is a unique monument in downtown Oranjestad: a 19<sup>th</sup> century dwelling that has been kept into the same family for centuries on end. Ms. Mathilda passed way in 1978, leaving her home to the seventh family generation. 'Chez Mathilde Restaurant' has been renamed 'Matilde' after an extensive renovation, but it still offers the same excellent service, terrific food and unique ambiance as it did when it opened twenty years ago.

Of course Matilde's evening menu is superb, but don't forget the Business Lunch: a quick lunch menu that can be either a soup and sandwich or a soup and salad combination. Priced at just \$ 16.50 it offers complimentary parking space and a very distinguished and upscale option for lunch meetings and group meetings. The three-course menu with weekly specials consists of soup, a main course and dessert for US \$ 25.--; chef Linda Paul is open to any suggestions or requests and will cook up a custom-made storm if so required.

Seating is either in The Pavillion (formerly the

Garden Room), which evokes memories of a covered terrace in the Mediterranean, or inside the restaurant, where one can choose round or square tables to be seated at, with corners seats two persons in an intimate setting, or four, five or eight. Larger groups may be seated in The Pavillion – reservations would be appreciated.

The serving staff for lunch consists of Sandra Bahaman, Carolina Dirksen and bartender Enrique Benavidez under the spirited guidance of assistant manager Godelieve Olibrice.

A special mention should be made of the wonderful paintings that grace the walls of Matilde: local artists like Danilo Geerman, Eefje v.d. Straaten and a terrific painter called Luis Bareto are showing their work on Matilde's walls.

A quick mention of a special evening at Matilde, which is called 'Timeless Classics Menu' is in order. It is an ode to the signature dishes that have made Matilde into a culinary landmark: the Bouillabaisse de Marseille, the Escargots Escofier, Tournedos au Poivre and Crêpes Suzette. The Timeless Classics Menu costs US \$ 60.—per person, with special white or red wine arrangements available. Reservations should be made at 583-9200.

Pictured are staffers Carolina



and Enrique with Godelieve as they pose for a picture together with Patty and Doug Wilson from Salisbury, Maryland. The couple got engaged at Matilde and they also threw their wedding party there. Every time they are on Aruba they visit the restaurant to relive these wonderful memories. Lunch chefs Patricia and Sandra pose with a particularly enticing carpaccio sandwich and salad. A lovely black and white photograph of Aunt Matilde greets guests in the restaurant's foyer. □



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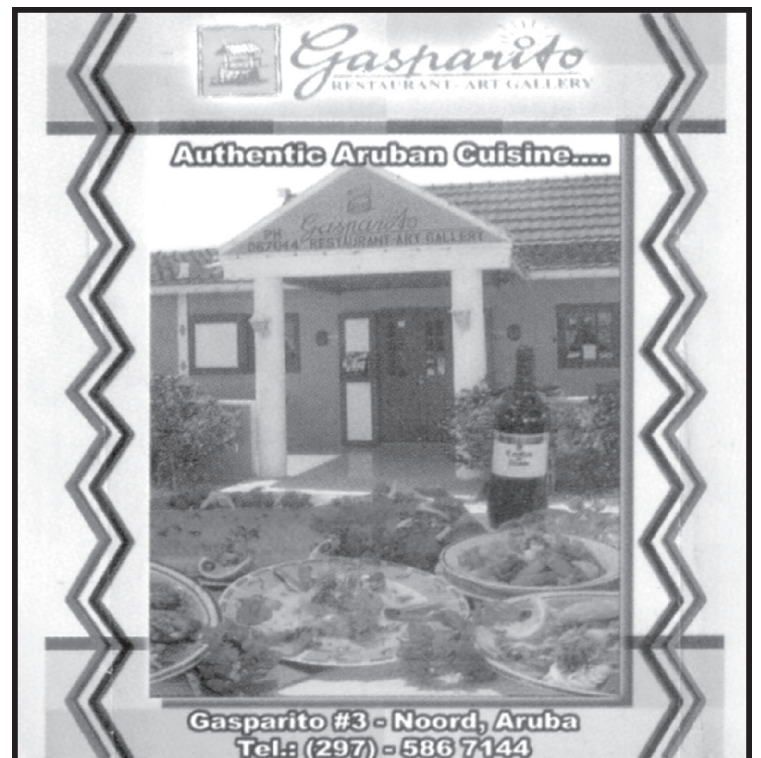
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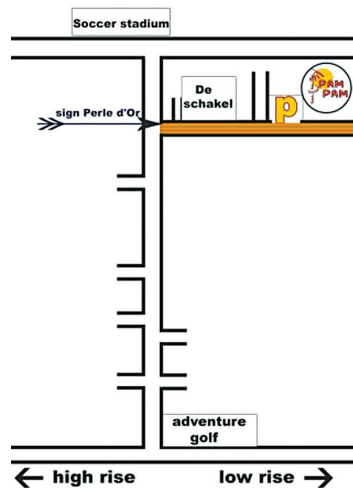
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which runs along the complete wall. The menu promises to be a true seafood lovers dream. Lobsters, fresh fish fillets, shrimps, Moby Dick's has everything on the menu. There is of course a land lubbers section for those who are so disposed. The wine list is impressive to say the least, and the cocktails are definitely worth a taste.

Moby Dick's is open for lunch as well. The chef has made a well rounded, extensive

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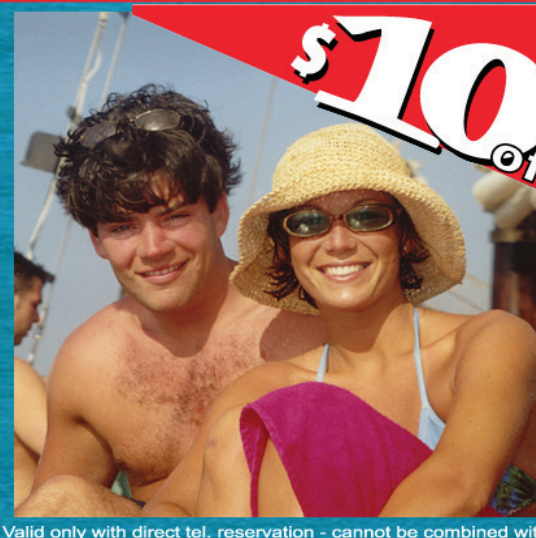
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# “Havana Dance,” is the hottest Cuban show on the island



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new visual concept. The custom-designed costumes are sensual, daring, colorful, and luxurious and set “Havana Dance” apart from any other cabaret. Producer Steve Hudson who enjoyed an unprecedentedly-successful seven-year run with his previous “Let’s Go Latin” review, conceived and created an exciting and much-evolved new must-see spectacle. Tickets for “Havana Dance” are US\$ 49.- Children under 12 pay US\$25.- Tickets are available at the theater box office, Renaissance Aruba Resort, and can also be purchased

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# “Aruhiba” Aruba’s homemade cigar



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Francis Jacobs, Public Relations for Aruba Tourism Authority was also present to honor the visitors and also thank them for their loyalty and love for our Island and our people for so many years on behalf of the Aruban Government. According to what the visitors commented to Mr. Jacobs, the reasons they keep visiting Aruba is because of our nice weather, our beaches, our friendly people, our tropical breeze, the cleanliness of our Island, the quality of our restaurants and casino's and also that

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# Confident England arrive for Windies tour



BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts - England, under new captain Andrew Strauss, touched down in the Caribbean on Wednesday confident that they can continue their dominance over West Indies.

The visitors were greeted at the Robert Bradshaw International Airport by a delegation of government and cricket officials led by St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Denzil Douglas.

There was no news conference on arrival. Only a brief photo session before the team members boarded the bus for their hotel. England plan to waste little time getting into high gear for the series against West Indies and have scheduled a training session for Thursday at Warner Park.

England will also take on the St. Kitts national team in a three-day match at Warner Park starting on Sunday, and will also meet a West Indies A-team in a similar fixture starting two days later at the same venue.

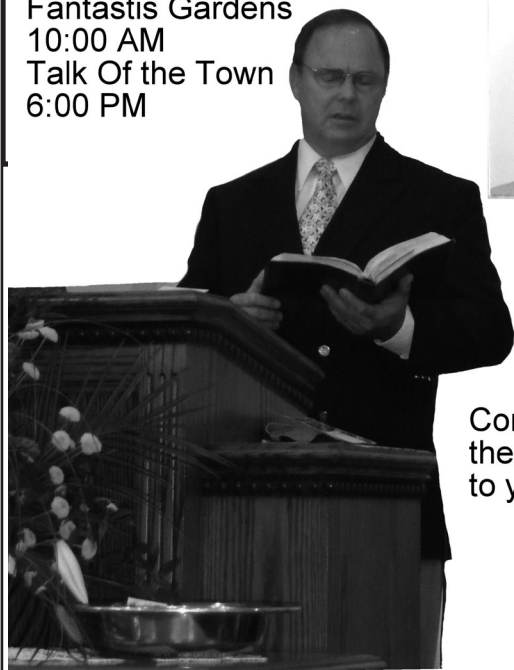
They face West Indies at Sabina Park in the Jamaica capital of Kingston in the first of four Tests on February 4.

This will be followed by Tests in Antigua (February 13-17), Barbados (February 26-March 2) and Trinidad (March 6-10) before the two sides play a Twenty20 International, and five One-day Internationals between March 15 and April 3.

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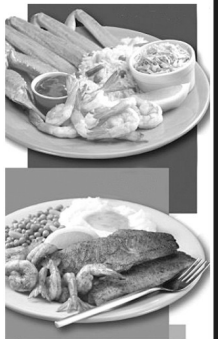
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# Jody Siegel & Jarett Isralow Say I do at the Radisson

PALM BEACH - Jody, 32, a physical education teacher, and Jarett, 35, a product development executive for Bank of America, met at a holiday party in 2004. "Jody and I were at the same party when one of her girlfriends asked me for my number," said Jarett. "Simultaneously, on the other side of the room, Jody and my younger sister were having a good conversation about being single and it led them to swap numbers. When I saw Jody across the way, I immediately fell for her. Yet my attempts to secure her number from my sister were unsuccessful as it was evidently against 'girl-code.'

"However, my sister did arrange for a night out on the town and just happened to let the details slip. I coincidentally wound up at the same bar as Jody and she that fateful evening and it all took off from there. There was some tricky times that required us to negotiate around her friend's claim that she 'found me first,' but eventually that obstacle was overcome.

Today, the two of them are still good friends, I'm married, and my sister is still partying."

Jarett, a native of Hauppauge, L.I., who lived there until recently, and Jody now reside in Charlotte, N.C., but got engaged in

the summer of 2007 far from the East Coast. "In June 2007, I swept Jody off her feet, jumped on a plane to Paris and planned to propose to her under the sparkling sky on the bank of the River Seine," said Jarett. "After the skies opened up with an unforgiving and interminable rain, I deftly moved to Plan B: I proposed to Jody in an undersized hotel room with poor lighting and a cold draft coming from a crack in the window." Jody added, "Yes, but after all, it was still Paris!"


The couple held a destination wedding in Aruba with 60 guests attending. During the ceremony,




Jody walked down the aisle with her mother and father. Afterward, everyone celebrated at the Radisson Beach Resort. Favors included island necessities such as sunscreen, SPF protected chapstick, insect repellent, wipes, snack packs and bottles of water, all packaged in a custom-made Aruba handbag. The couple danced to

"Home to You" by John Michael Montgomery, because, Jarett said, "no matter how bad our days may get, we both always look forward to coming home to each other." The couple spent their honeymoon in Aruba, naturally. Of the wedding day, Jody said, "It was so great! It was like one long celebratory weekend." □

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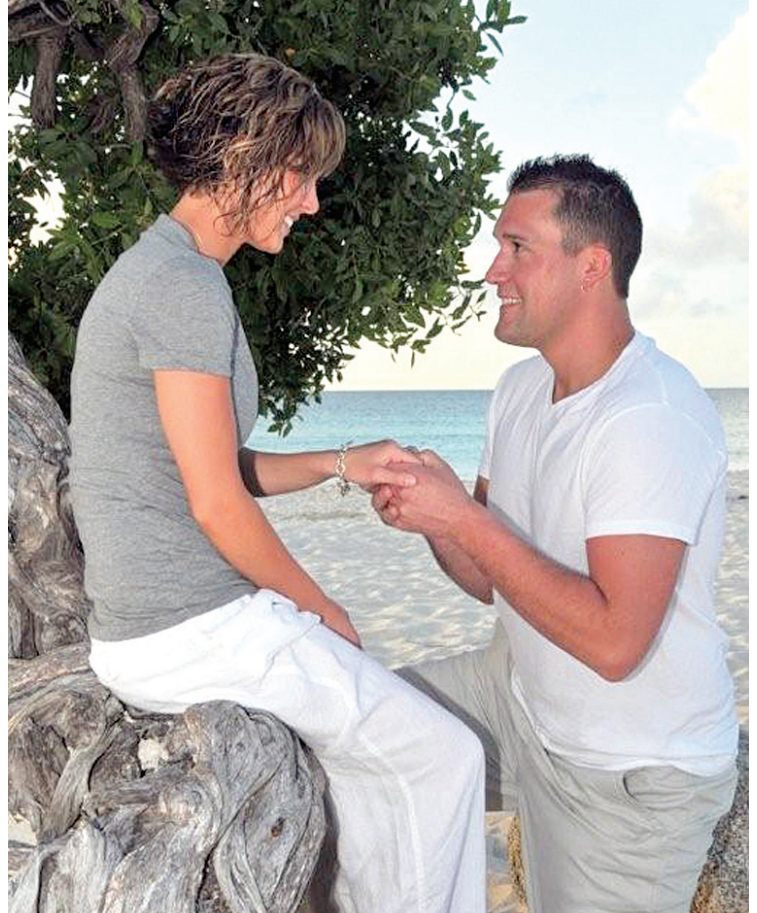
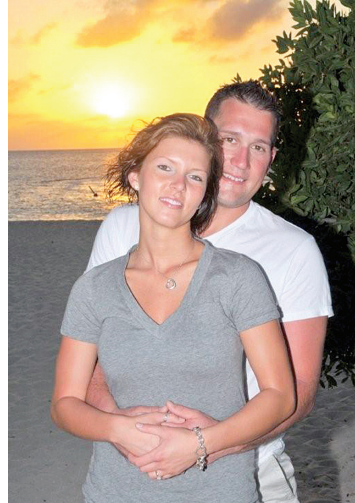
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*Engagement on Eagle Beach leads to destination wedding*

# Danielle & Justin choose Aruba to wed



EAGLE BEACH - Danielle Lackey & Justin Crane were engaged to be married earlier this week and chose the romantic island of Aruba for their destination wedding. Danielle and Justin have been together for 8 years and

have chosen January 2010 as their wedding date. This past week, the couple met with Wedding Coordinator Indira Maduro of Aruba Fairy Tales who showed them around the island for possible locations to tie the knot and celebrate with

family and friends. Danielle and Justin fell in love with Eagle Beach to exchange rings and vows barefoot with their toes in the sand. Then they plan to continue the evening with a reception in the unique atmosphere of Ventanas del Mar located at Tierra del Sol.

Congratulations to Danielle and Justin from Aruba Today.



*Photos by Julia Renfro*





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President Barack Obama meets with Congressional leaders in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. From left are, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Md.; House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio; House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif.; the president; and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev.

*Associated Press*

## Obama reverses Bush policies

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama continued his march to reverse contentious Bush administration policies, ending the ban on giving federal money to international groups that perform abortions or provide information about it.

Obama signed a memorandum reversing the ban Friday afternoon, a day after he ordered the closures of the Guantanamo Bay prison and secret overseas CIA prisons, a review of military trials of terror suspects and a ban on torture.

The president's focus on foreign policy comes even as he tries to deal with economic issues, Americans' biggest concern at a time that the economy is struggling. On Friday, he met with Republican and Democratic leaders at the White House to discuss legislative hurdles as he strives to get his massive economic stimulus plan enacted.

Liberal groups welcomed Obama's decision on the abortion funding ban, while abortion rights foes criticized the president.

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## Crews hoist plane's engine from Hudson River

By ADAM PEMBLE  
Associated Press Writer

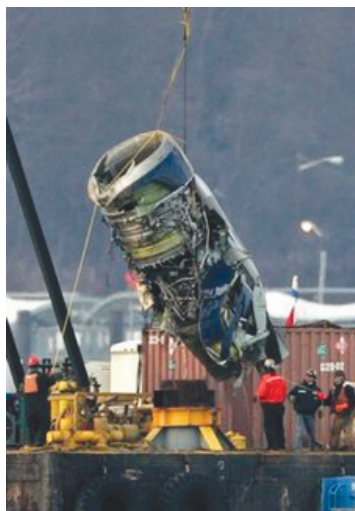
NEW YORK (AP) - The battered, twisted left engine of the US Airways plane that crash-landed in the Hudson River was recovered Friday, after an eight-day struggle to find the wreckage and pull it from the murky water.

Using a large crane and rigging, salvage crews gently set the engine on a crane platform. Shards of metal and wiring hung from the engine, and a large portion of the outer shell appeared to be missing as it was lifted from the river

bottom, 65 feet below the surface.

Immediately after the engine was set down, National Transportation Safety Board investigators began documenting and photographing it as part of their probe into the plane's remarkable landing.

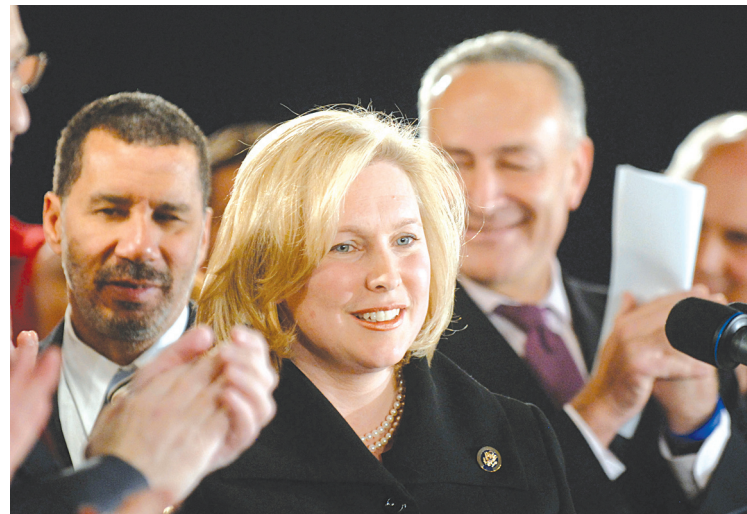
New York Police Department and New Jersey State Police harbor officers working with a federal sonar expert located the engine on Tuesday on the river floor near where Flight 1549 made its emergency landing Jan. 15.



The Charlotte, North Carolina-bound plane splashed down in the river after hitting a flock of birds and apparently losing power in both engines shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport.

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## Little-known congresswoman picked for Clinton Senate seat



Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. is applauded at a news conference in Albany, N.Y., Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 by New York Gov. David Paterson, left, and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. Paterson announced that he is appointing Gillibrand to fill the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the departure of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

*Associated Press*

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Two unidentified persons hold a child with an identification number on his forehead, at a crisis center next to the scene of a stabbing incident at a daycare center in Dendermonde, Belgium, Friday Jan. 23, 2009. It was not immediately known the motive for the incident, when a man bicycled to the day care centre, walked in and began a stabbing spree killing two youngsters, a care giver and sending 10 children to hospital.

*Associated Press*

## Three dead, 12 wounded in Belgian day care stabbings

By SLOBODAN LEKIC

Associated Press Writer

DENDERMONDE, Belgium (AP) - A young man with a gruesomely painted black-and-white face went on a rampage at a Belgian day care center Friday, stabbing two babies and a female worker to death and seriously wounding 12 others.

Sobbing parents rushed to the scene and to nearby hospitals. Shocked rescue workers spoke of finding crying, bleeding toddlers scattered inside the center. Medical workers at six hospitals sprang into action, performing emergency operations to save the 10 children and two adults badly wounded in the attack.

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House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, second from left, speaks to reporters outside the White House in Washington, Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, after a meeting between Congressional leaders and President Barack Obama to discuss the economy. From left are, Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.; Boehner; House Minority Whip Eric Cantor of Va.; and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky.

Associated Press

## OBAMA REVERSES

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The abortion measure is a highly emotional one for many people, and Obama's action came one day after the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion. Critics have long held that the rule unfairly discriminates against the world's poor by denying U.S. aid to groups that may be involved in abortion but also work on other aspects of reproductive health care and HIV/AIDS, leading to the closure of free and low-cost rural clinics.

Supporters of the ban say that the United States still provides millions of dollars in family planning assistance around the world and that the rule prevents anti-abortion taxpayers from backing something they believe is morally wrong.

The Bush policy reversed by Obama had banned U.S. taxpayer money, usually in the form of Agency for International Development funds, from going to international family planning groups that either offer abortions or provide information, counseling or referrals about abortion. The rule also had prohibited federal funding for groups that lobby to legalize abortion or promote it as a family planning method.

Both Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who will oversee foreign aid, had promised to do away with the rule during the presidential campaign.

"This policy has made it more difficult for women around the world to gain access to essential information and healthcare services," Clinton said in a statement. "Rather than limiting women's ability

to receive reproductive health services, we should be supporting programs that help women and their partners make decisions to ensure their health and the health of their families."

Known as the "Mexico City policy," the inflammatory ban has been reinstated and then reversed by Republican and Democratic presidents since Ronald Reagan established it in 1984.

In a move related to the lifting of the abortion rule, Obama also is expected to restore funding to the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA), probably in the next budget. Both he and Clinton had pledged to reverse a Bush administration determination that assistance to the organization violated U.S. law.

The Bush administration had barred U.S. money from the fund, contending that its work in China supported a Chinese family planning policy of coercive abortion and involuntary sterilization. UNFPA has vehemently denied that it does.

Congress had appropriated \$40 million to the UNFPA in the past budget year but the Bush administration had withheld the money as it had done every year since 2002.

Obama also is expected at some point to lift or ease restrictions on federal money for stem cell research, an issue that divides people along similar battle lines, but there was no word about any action on that Friday. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has expressed interest in pressing legislation on stem cells in the first 100 days of the new Congress if the new administration doesn't act.

Some scientists want broader use of embryonic stem cells than is allowed, hoping for

new treatments for many diseases. Obtaining stem cells from four- or five-day-old embryos kills the embryos, and many opponents see that as taking life.

On his third full day in office, Obama reached out to key U.S. allies, phoning British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Saudi King Abdullah, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said. He also spoke with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Obama also turned his attention to the biggest worry of Americans — a recession expected to be the deepest since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Speaking briefly before the meeting of legislative leaders at the White House, Obama urged bipartisan support for his stimulus package.

"I recognize that there are still some differences around the table and between the administration and members of Congress about particular details on the plan," he said. "But I think what unifies this group is a recognition that we are experiencing an unprecedented, perhaps, economic crisis that has to be dealt with, and dealt with rapidly."

Many Republican lawmakers believe the \$825 billion package is too costly, and that too much of the spending is for long-range projects that will not boost the economy quickly. Obama and Democratic leaders promised to consider their recommendations.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat from California, told reporters after the meeting that the Republicans "had some constructive suggestions, which we'll review." □

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# Little-known congresswoman picked for Clinton Senate seat

By MICHAEL GORMLEY  
Associated Press Writer  
ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) \_ Gov. David Paterson appointed Democratic U.S. Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand on Friday to fill New York's vacant Senate seat, finally settling on a woman from a largely rural, eastern district of the state to replace Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The appointment, which requires no further confirmation, came one day after Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy, abruptly withdrew from consideration.

"For many in New York state, this is the first time you've heard my name and you don't know much about me," Gillibrand said at a ceremony in Albany. "Over the next two years, you will get to know me. And, more importantly, I will get to know you."

Gillibrand, 42, has been considered one of the top contenders in Paterson's selection process, along with Kennedy and state Attorney General Andrew Cuomo. Gillibrand had served as Cuomo's special counsel when he was housing secretary under President Clinton and she worked on Hillary Rodham Clinton's first Senate campaign in 2000.

Paterson stressed that he didn't choose Gillibrand because she was a woman or from upstate New York.

The appointment lasts until 2010, when a special election will be held to fill the final two years of Clinton's term. Clinton is now serving as secretary of state in President Barack Obama's administration.

U.S. Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband was killed by a gunman, criticized

Gillibrand's support of more conservative issues such as gun ownership rights was out of step with most New York Democrats.

Gillibrand was also one of the few Democratic lawmakers to vote against the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout bill.

"Gender plus geography equals Gillibrand," said Doug Muzzio, a political science professor at Baruch College. He said her upstate base would help the governor's 2010 ticket, which otherwise would be dominated by New York City residents like himself.

"On the minus side, she's an unproven statewide vote-getter, a conservative 'Blue Dog' Democrat who could face a primary challenge in 2010 and face a tough general election," Muzzio said using slang for Republican leaning Democrats.

Gillibrand was an official



New York Gov. David Paterson, left, and Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., appear at a news conference in Albany, N.Y., Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. Gillibrand, a second-term lawmaker from upstate New York, was named by Paterson to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated when Hillary Rodham Clinton resigned to become secretary of state in the Obama administration.

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in the Housing and Urban Development Department during the Clinton administration. She worked as a lawyer before challenging Republican John Sweeney in 2006 to represent New York's 20th District. She graduated from Dartmouth College in 1988 and earned a law degree at UCLA in 1991. She is the daughter of Albany lobbyist Douglas Rutnik. □



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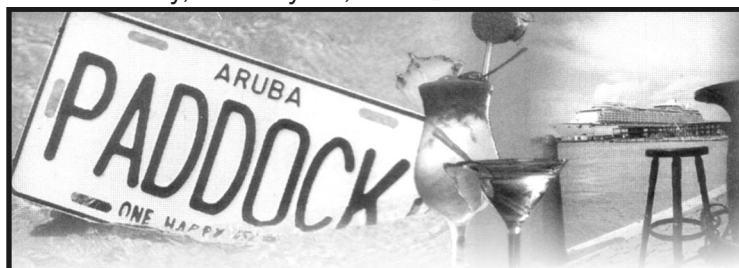
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# Blagojevich: I'm the victim of plot to raise taxes



Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich listens to a caller while on the air with radio talk show host Cliff Kelly at WVON radio station in Chicago, Friday, Jan. 23, 2009.

*Associated Press*

CHICAGO (AP) - The embattled Illinois governor launched a full-out media blitz just days before the start of an impeachment trial that could lead to his removal, portraying himself as the victim of vengeful lawmakers eager to toss him out of office so they can raise taxes.

"The heart and soul of this has been a struggle of me against the system," Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who is accused among other things of trying to sell President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat, said Friday.

The combative approach is a return to a favorite Blagojevich tactic.

Since taking office six years ago, the Democrat has often portrayed himself as a lone champion of the people, outnumbered by uncaring lawmakers, a lazy bureaucracy and slick lobbyists.

"I took that system on. I challenged that system," he said Friday. "That's what this is all about."

The governor, who had kept mostly out of the public eye since his Dec. 9 arrest on federal corruption charges, has reversed course with a series of interviews and public statements.

Blagojevich denied any wrongdoing but wouldn't discuss the federal corruption charges filed against him last month. Instead, he focused on his efforts to expand government health care programs without raising taxes.

Those efforts, he claimed, angered the state political establishment so much that they have impeached him unfairly and are on the verge of convicting him in a Senate

trial.

"Political figures in Illinois are just waiting to get me out of the way to raise the income tax," he said.

The Democratic governor told The Associated Press on Thursday night that he's willing to sacrifice himself for principle by standing up to lawmakers he believes are violating the state Constitution. "The fight will continue," he said.

Yet Blagojevich's main fight right now is a public relations battle.

He has chosen not to mount any defense in the Senate impeachment trial that begins Monday and could remove him from office within days. He may ask the Illinois Supreme Court to block the trial, arguing its rules are hopelessly biased against him.

He called on Illinois newspapers to publish editorials demanding the Senate change its trial rules.

It's not clear what, if anything, Blagojevich hopes to gain from his strategy of boycotting the impeachment trial and defending himself through the media.

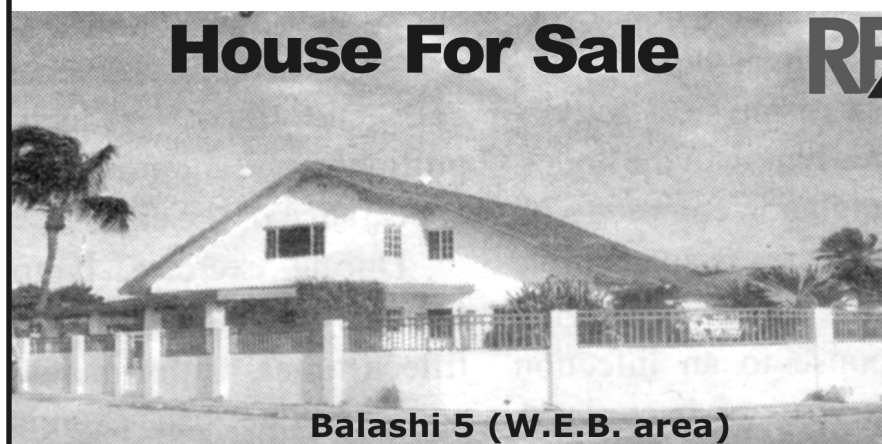
Several legal experts said they could see some benefit to participating in the trial or resigning office. But refusing to do either makes little sense, they said. "There's no benefit at all, except to make himself look ridiculous. In addition, anything he says can be used against him later" in court," said Leonard Cavise, a law professor at DePaul University. □

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# Police search homes of Va. Tech victim, suspect

By SUE LINDSEY  
Associated Press Writer

BLACKSBURG, Virginia (AP) - A Chinese graduate student accused of beheading a fellow Virginia Tech student displayed erratic and standoffish behavior in the months before the attack on campus this week, his landlord said Friday.

Also on Friday, police filed court papers listing items found in a searches of the off-campus town house occupied by Haiyang Zhu, who is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Xin Yang, and the room where Yang lived on campus.

Yang, of Beijing, was slain with a large kitchen knife as she had coffee with the 25-year-old Zhu on Wednesday night at a cafe in the building where she lived, a hotel converted into graduate student housing. A campus police officer arrived Wednesday night to find Zhu holding 22-year-old Yang's head in his hands, according to a court affidavit filed Thursday. Zhu is being held without bond in the slaying, the first on campus

since an Asian-American gunman killed 32 people and then himself in April 2007.

While a fellow teaching assistant described Zhu as personable, his landlord at Sturbridge Square Apartments said the student behaved oddly and was "belligerent" at times.

Landlord Will Segar said Zhu refused to turn on the heat in the apartment he rented with two others, and as a result the pipes froze and burst. When Segar installed a thermostat that kept the heat at 65 degrees, he said Zhu shut off a breaker in the electric box so the heat wouldn't run.

"He was definitely a combative guy," Segar said, adding that Zhu also recently accused the leasing staff of stealing his shoes.

At the apartment, investigators found a camera, computer file storage equipment and phone records, according to court documents filed Friday. Investigators took a computer, cell phone, camera, planners and a diary from Yang's room.

Investigators also found a

\$40 check made out to Zhu in Yang's room, a further clue the two were well acquainted with each other. A university official has said Zhu was helping her settle into her new surroundings after her arrival at Virginia Tech on Jan. 8 to seek a master's degree in accounting.

Segar said Zhu brought Yang to the leasing office to apply for an apartment last week.

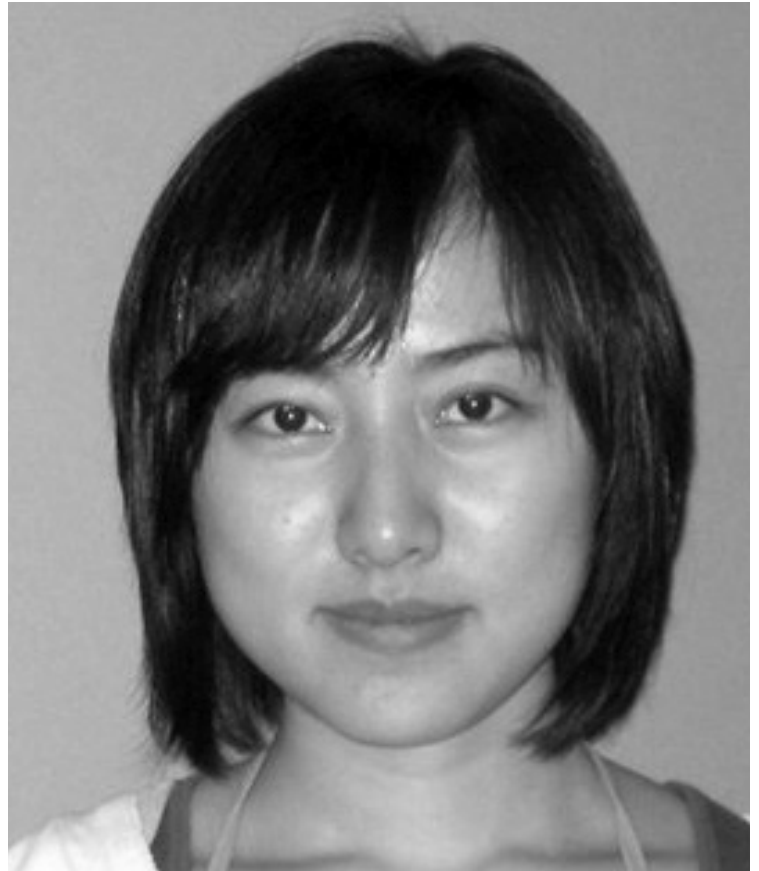
"He was definitely in charge," Segar said of Zhu. He described Yang as "very meek and very nervous."

Fellow teaching assistant Ken Stanton said he didn't know Zhu well but had observed that he had good social skills.

"He had friends and he was a TA," said Stanton, 30, who is studying engineering education. "You can't be a TA and not be social."

A preliminary hearing has been set for March 5 for Zhu, a doctoral student in agricultural and applied economics from Ningbo, China who arrived at the school in August.

Virginia Tech Police were trying to verify the authenticity of a posting on a Chinese-



This undated photo provided by Virginia Tech shows the school ID photo of Xin Yang, 22, who was killed Wednesday night, Jan. 21, 2009, after arriving at the campus from Beijing on Jan. 8 to begin studying accounting. Her accused attacker, 25-year-old Haiyang Zhu of Ningbo, China, knew the victim but no motive for the slaying has been determined.

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language blog earlier this month under the name Haiyang Zhu that expressed frustration over problems including stock losses, Chief Wendell Flinchum said Friday.

The Jan. 7 posting said, "Recently I've been so frustrated I think only of killing someone or committing suicide." □

## HUDSON RIVER

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# Rwanda arrests Congo rebel leader Laurent Nkunda



By **EDDY ISANGO AND TODD PITMAN**

**Associated Press Writers**  
KINSHASA, Congo (AP) - In a stunning reversal of alliances, Rwandan troops captured Congo's most powerful rebel leader, a longtime ally who the Congolese government

says was at the heart of years of war in the east, officials said Friday. Congo applauded the surprise arrest, hoping it would herald a new era of peace and mark the end of the Central African nation's Tutsi rebellion. But few believe the country's

problems are over and many fear the unprecedented and unpopular deal with former enemy Rwanda is a risky gamble that could unleash more bloodshed.

Rwanda detained Laurent Nkunda apparently as part of an agreement with Congo that opened the way for thousands of Rwandan soldiers to cross the border this week in a joint operation to hunt down Rwandan Hutu militiamen.

The region has been mired in conflict since Rwanda's 1994 genocide spilled war across the border and Hutu militias sought refuge here. Rwanda has invaded twice to eradicate the militias — though it was accused of plundering Congo's great mineral riches instead. The militia's presence also

gave birth in 2004 to Nkunda's rebellion, whose raison d'être was defending minority Tutsis against Rwandan Hutus.

It was a remarkable fall from grace for once-powerful Nkunda, who only weeks ago had forced Congo's embattled government to the negotiate at peace talks in Kenya after his fighters advanced to the outskirts of the regional capital, Goma, forcing more than 250,000 people from their homes.

Analysts say Rwanda was under intense international pressure to use its influence over the Tutsi rebellion to end the crisis. At the same time, Rwanda and a clique of rebel commanders had grown disenchanted by Nkunda, who they increasingly regarded

as a flippant, authoritarian megalomaniac who allegedly embezzled money from rebel coffers.

Late Thursday, Rwandan and Congolese troops converged on Nkunda's stronghold in the tiny electricity-less town of Bunagana on the Ugandan border, said government spokesman Lambert Mende. Nkunda's forces resisted and briefly opened fire before fleeing farther south and crossing into Rwanda, he said.

Rwandan troops on the other side of the border took Nkunda into custody because forces loyal to him resisted the operation, Rwandan army spokesman Maj. Jill Rutaremara said. □

## STABBINGS

*Continued from Front Page*

"This was a particularly violent attack. All the kids had multiple stab wounds on their legs, arms, and all over their bodies," Dr. Ignace Demeyer, head of emergency services at Our Lady Hospital in nearby Aalst, told reporters.

The shocking assault caused panic and outrage in the town 20 miles northwest of Brussels, where the day care center sits on a residential street.

"An act of great brutality has happened here against our weakest citizens," said mayor

Buyse Piet. "The whole city is united in support for the parents who are in deep grief."

Prosecutor Christian Du Four said the 20-year-old attacker rode his bike up to the Fabeltjesland day care center about 10 a.m., found it unlocked and went in.

"After he entered he started slashing at everyone he ran into ... the day care workers, the children," Du Four told a news conference.

He said the man wielded one, nearly 8-inch knife and had painted his face white with

black patches around the eyes.

One worker tried but failed to disarm the intruder and another was stabbed to death, Du Four said. In the mayhem that ensued, the attacker simply walked out and got back on his bicycle before being arrested in a nearby supermarket shortly afterward.

Theo Janssens, a Dendermonde city councilor, arrived with first aid workers. "The situation was horrible. There were bloodstained babies and staff workers everywhere," he said on the VRT television network.


Police had to show distraught parents digital photographs of those taken to the hospital, asking them to identify their children.

Demeyer said all the wounded needed surgery but by Friday night, all were in stable condition.

Nine of the 21 children at the center during the attack were unharmed, Demeyer said.

Du Four did not name the suspect but said he had no criminal record and was uncooperative under questioning. The man was to appear before a magistrate later Friday or on Saturday to be indicted.

Residents told The Associated Press the suspect was a local man with a history of mental illness. □



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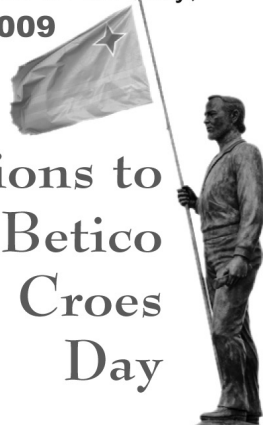
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# Suspected U.S. missile strike kills 18 in Pakistan

By CHRIS BRUMMITT  
Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) \_ Suspected U.S. missiles killed 18 people on the Pakistan side of the Afghan border Friday, security officials said, the first attacks on the al-Qaida stronghold since President Barack Obama took office. At least five foreign militants were among those killed in the strikes by unmanned aircraft in two parts of the frontier region, an intelligence official said without naming them. There was no information on the identities of the others. Pakistan's leaders had expressed hope Obama might halt the strikes, but few observers expected he would end a tactic that U.S. officials say has killed several top al-Qaida operatives and is denying the terrorist network a long-held safe haven.

The United States has staged more than 30 missile strikes inside Pakistan since August last year \_ a barrage seen as a sign of frustration in Washington over Islamabad's efforts to curb militants that the U.S. blames for violence in Afghanistan and fears could be planning attacks on the West.

Pakistan publicly protests the strikes in the northwest as violations of its sovereignty that often kill civilians and undermine its own campaign against terrorists that have also launched bloody attacks on domestic targets.

But many observers believe the government secretly agrees with the tactic and may provide intelligence on the targets, noting that Islamabad's admitting to assisting the attacks would be politically damaging. The first attack Friday took place in the village of Zharki

in North Waziristan, when a single drone fired three missiles in the space of 10 minutes, the security officials said.

The missiles destroyed two buildings, killing 10 people, at least five of whom were foreign militants, the officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Hours later, a second missile struck a house in South Waziristan, killing eight people, the officials said, giving no more details.

The United States does not acknowledge firing the missiles, which are believed to be mostly fired from drones operated by the CIA and launched from neighboring Afghanistan.

According to an AP tally based on accounts from Pakistani security officials, at least 263 people \_ most of them alleged militants \_ have been killed in the strikes since last August.

A U.S. strike on New Years Eve killed two Kenyans said to be among al-Qaida's top operatives on the FBI's most-wanted terrorist list, an American official said recently.

Gen. David Petraeus, who is in charge of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, told the AP late last year that at least three top extremist leaders were killed in recent months due to the missile strikes.

Pakistan's government has little control over the border region, which is considered a likely hiding place for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden and other terror leaders.

Obama is making the war in Afghanistan and the intertwined al-Qaida fight in Pakistan his top foreign policy priority. He has not commented



on the missile strike policy, but struck a hawkish tone during his election campaign.

On Thursday, he named former U.N. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke a special envoy to both countries, an appointment welcomed by Pakistan's government.

In a statement, the country's foreign office said it "looked forward to enhanced and fruitful engagement with the special envoy to further the cause of peace and stability of the region."

Earlier Friday, a suicide attack and a roadside bomb killed two soldiers and three civilians in the Swat Valley, a one-time tourist destination close to the

border region, officials said.

Pakistan has launched military offensives in parts of the northwest, but insurgents are making inroads in Swat, blowing up schools, killing police and soldiers and calling for the imposition of a hard-line interpretation of Islamic law. Militancy in Swat is seen as especially dangerous for Pakistan because the valley lies away from the areas where al-Qaida and the Taliban have traditionally operated.

An indication of the difficulties facing the government, more than 1,000 hard-liners demonstrated in the capital, saying there would only be peace in Swat and other frontier

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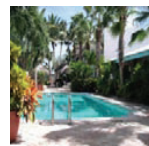
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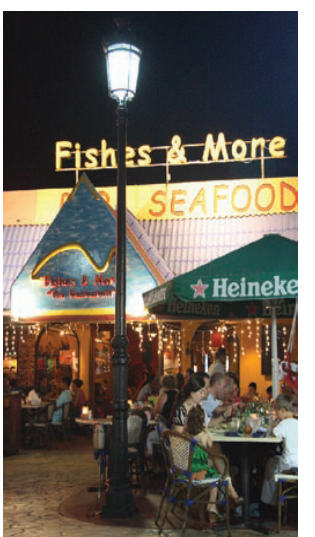
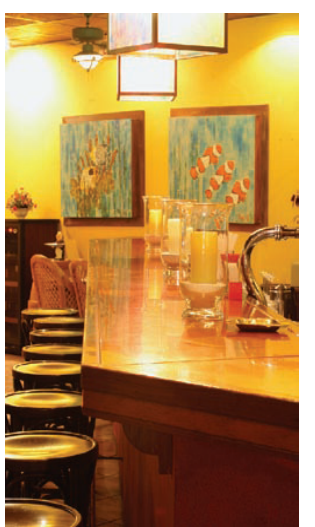
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### Margarito to defend welterweight title against Mosley



Antonio Margarito, left, of Mexico, left, and Shane Mosley pose following the weigh-in for their upcoming boxing match, in Los Angeles Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. Margarito will defend his welterweight title against Mosley on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

By **JOHN NADEL**

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Antonio Margarito has risen to numero uno status in his Mexico homeland, following in the footsteps of such highly acclaimed fighters as Julio Cesar Chavez, Erik Morales and Marco Antonio Barrera. The man known as "the Tijuana Tornado" earned that unofficial honor six months ago, when he stopped previously unbeaten Puerto

Rican star Miguel Cotto in the 11th round to claim the WBA welterweight title.

"To be considered numero uno in Mexico is a great honor," Top Rank promoter Bob Arum said on Thursday. "He worked hard for it, he fought everybody to get there. He's so beloved in Mexico because of the way he gutted out (the Cotto fight)."

"He's taken the mantle that Chavez had. Chavez had it, then Morales and Barrera.

*Associated Press*

Now, it's Margarito's."

Margarito knows that to remain No. 1 he has to keep winning. He'll get his first opportunity on Saturday when he defends his 147-pound title against well-traveled Shane Mosley at Staples Center. Promoters Arum and Richard Schaefer, CEO of Golden Boy Productions, forecast a sellout crowd of more than 18,000.

"It answers those critics who say somehow boxing is suffering," Arum said of interest the fight has generated. "Boxing is alive and well and is really going to kick some (butt) in 2009 and the years to come."

Los Angeles is home territory for both fighters. Margarito, 37-5 with 27 knockouts, lives in Tijuana but trains in suburban Montebello and has a large following in Southern California. Mosley, 45-5 with 38 knockouts, lives in nearby Pomona and knows Staples Center well, having beaten Oscar De La Hoya there in June 2000, in the arena's first major fight.

"I'm very happy we have a sold-out arena," Margarito said through a translator. "We came here, we did our work in training camp, and we know

Mosley's a very experienced fighter, a very good fighter. There are no secrets here, we know our styles and I'm very certain I will raise my hands in victory."

While the 30-year-old Margarito was at his best in beating Cotto, Mosley certainly wasn't in his last outing, a 12th-round knockout of Ricardo Mayorga four months ago at Home Depot Center in nearby Carson. Mosley was ahead on two of the judges' scorecards when the end came.

Mosley lost a close but unanimous 12-round decision to Cotto before that, in November 2007.

"This is going to be a great event," said the 37-year-old Mosley, a four-time world champion in three weight classes. "I want to thank Margarito for taking the fight when he could have fought anyone. To fight right here in both of our backyards, where we both came up fighting the hard way. ... I've just been up here a little longer.

"I feel great, I feel sharp, I feel special. I can't wait to get in the ring. I think I'm going to be victorious."

Mosley's father, Jack, trained

his son for years, but the younger Mosley hired Naazim Richardson for that job against Margarito. The elder Mosley attended the news conference. "I'm not here to teach Shane how to fight, Jack Mosley already did a great job at that," Richardson said. "I'm here to find the flaws in Margarito and help Shane exploit those."

Mosley said he knows how to box pressure fighters - a good thing considering Margarito has shown time and again that he won't back down. "I know his pedigree, I know his style," Mosley said. "Everything's perfect. We've watched a lot of fight films. We've worked on my strengths, my weaknesses. My father really respects Naazim, the way he does things."

Both fighters will earn about \$2.4 million.

Arum forecast a scenario that calls for Margarito to fight three times this year - on Saturday against Mosley, a rematch against Cotto in mid-June and, if all goes according to plan, a matchup with Manny Pacquiao (48-3-2, 36 knockouts) in December. Pacquiao dominated De La Hoya in his most recent outing. □

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# Ivanovic ousted, ethnic fan turmoil at Australian Open

By PAUL ALEXANDER  
Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Ana Ivanovic's hopes of a return trip to the Australian Open final fell apart in a barrage of mistakes Friday as Russia's Alisa Kleybanova ousted her 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-2 in the third round.

With 19-year-old Kleybanova constantly aggressive, fifth-ranked Ivanovic lost her serve nine times and finished with 50 unforced errors to just 23 winners.

When it was over, Kleybanova dropped to both knees, pumped her fists and blew kisses at the crowd. Ivanovic appeared to be nearly in tears as she walked off court.

The Serb's loss came on a day that the late match between second-ranked Roger Federer against former No. 1 Marat Safin - which the Swiss star won in three sets - was supposed to produce the biggest news.

Instead, ethnic violence erupted between nationalist fans after Serbia's Novak Djokovic, the defending men's champion, beat Bosnian-born American Amer Delic.

One of several thrown chairs hit a woman and left her briefly unconscious though not seriously injured. Police said about 30 Bosnian and Serbian youths were ejected from Melbourne Park. Two men were charged with riotous behavior and a third was fined on the spot.

This was what organizers had feared when they announced before the tournament that they were instituting a no-tolerance policy for disruptions.

They wanted the focus on tennis - such as Kleybanova's upset victory, Andy Roddick's 22 aces while winning in straight sets or top-ranked Jelena Jankovic and No. 3 Dinara Safina advancing.

Instead of talking about how defending champion Djokovic reached the third round with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4) victory packed with drama and good sportsmanship - the 21-year-old Serb and Bosnian-born Delic were mostly quizzed about the chaotic scene that followed, when their supporters clashed outside near a big-screen TV showing the match.

"There's absolutely no

place for that here. This is a tennis match," said Delic, who attended the University of Illinois and lives in Jacksonville, Florida. "As I'm sure you all saw at the end, Novak and I are friends. We're both competitors. In the end it was a fair match, and there was no reason for such things."

Before finally asking reporters to change the subject, Djokovic lamented that players can't control their fans. Delic had earlier used his Web site to ask his backers, who were boisterous to the point of disruption in the qualifier's first two matches, to tone it down.

Djokovic next plays 2006 runner-up Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, who beat American Mardy Fish, the No. 23 seed, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 in a match that didn't end until 1:13 a.m. Baghdatis is unseeded and ranked 97th after playing in only 12 tournaments last year due to wrist and back injuries. And that wasn't even all of the day's drama - a man was arrested after dancing across a court, naked from the waist down, as Serena and Venus Williams won a second-round



doubles match.

The rematch of the 2005 men's semifinal here, won by Safin en route to the championship, was dominated by Federer, who again looked sharp in his pursuit of a 14th Grand Slam title that would tie Pete Sampras' record, winning 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Federer never faced a breakpoint, and the mercurial Safin's growing frustration nearly boiled over when he was called for a foot-fault on his second serve. That gave him a double-fault and Federer a 4-1 lead in the third-set tiebreaker. Safin rallied to lead 5-4 before Federer ran off the last three points, the last on a backhand winner down the line.


"He gave me quite a few free

points in the first two sets, but after that he got tougher," Federer said. "I'm pretty lucky I got through in three."

Safin has said he is unlikely to continue playing after this year. Federer clearly would miss him.

"I always like to play Marat," Federer said. "We go back, we like playing each other. It doesn't matter who wins."

After dropping the first set, 21-year-old Ivanovic lost her first two service games in the second, falling behind 0-3. She rallied to force a tiebreaker, where both women were pumping their fists after every point they won. Ivanovic did a three-punch combination after whacking an overhead winner on set point. □



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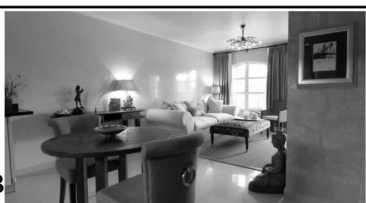
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week# 5 & 6-La Cabana - 1Bdr R#401d-OceanFront-US\$18,000	Platinum W#1-17. Marriott Ocean 2Bdr, OceanFront - US\$60,000	week# 3 - DiviPhoenix - 1Bdr R#209-OceanFront - US\$10,000
week# 6 - DiviPhoenix - 1Bdr R#601-Oceanview-US\$10,000	week# 1 - Costa Linda - 2Bdr. R#2031, Ocean/pool-US\$25,000	week# 5 - Aruban Resort - 1-Bdr R#5537g-Poolview-US\$7,000
week# 7 - Renaissance - 1Bdr R#2537, Pool Ocean-US\$15,000	week#1 Costa Linda - 2Bdr R#1014, OceanView-US\$24,000	weeks#50,51,52,-DiviLinks-1Bdr R#4226,-Ocean/p-US\$16,000pw
week# 3 & 4-Renaissance.-1Bdr Groundfl, Oceanv-US\$30,000pw	Platinum, Marriott Ocean Club 2Bdr, OceanFront - US\$35,000	week#1-2,-3 -DiviLinks - 1Bdr R#4226, Ocean/P-US\$16,000pw
Platinum W#1-17, Marriott Surf - 3bdr, OceanView - US\$50,000	week# 4, Costa Linda - 2Bdr. R#2012, Oceanview. - US\$24,000	week# 4 - DiviLinks - Studio. R#2108, Poolv - US\$14,000
For Rent: DiviPhoenix week#4&5 2009 R#108, - US\$1,500 perwk	week# 6, Costa Linda - 2 Bdr. R#1010, Oceanview-US\$24,000	week# 4-DiviLinks - 1 Bdr. R#2105, Poolview-US\$16,000
week# 1&2, Aruban Resort-1Bdr R#4585, Poolv - US\$8,000 pw	week# 5 - Costa Linda - 2 Bdr. R#3004, Ocean/Pool-US\$26,000	week# 5- DiviLinks - Studio R#2214, PoolV. - US\$14,000
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week# 1,2,3,4 ArubanRes-1Bdr. R#1586, poolview- US\$8,000pw	week# 4 & 5 DiviPhoenix - studio R#108, OceanFR-US\$12,000pw	week# 7-DiviPhoenix - studio R#105, OceanPo, US\$11,500
week# 1,2,3,4 ArubanRes-1Bdr. R#3586, poolv- US\$7,000pw	week# 2, Aruban Resort-1 Bdr. R#4584, PoolView-US\$8,475	week# 3 - DiviVillage - Studio. R#8303, Pool Ocean-US\$8,000
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# Presidente Uribe hace votos por líder cubano Fidel Castro

*Colombia espera mantener alianza con EEUU*

BOGOTÁ (AP) - El presidente Alvaro Uribe hizo votos el viernes por la salud del líder cubano Fidel Castro y a la vez destacó que espera mantener una “gran alianza” o el alto nivel de relaciones de Bogotá y Washington con el nuevo mandatario Barack Obama. Uribe además ratificó su disposición a reanudar las relaciones diplomáticas con Ecuador, rotas por Quito en marzo del 2008. El presidente habló en la casa de gobierno al saludar en el nuevo año al cuerpo diplomático acreditado en Colombia y hacer breves referencias a varios temas internacionales frente a todos los embajadores extranjeros. “Queremos elevar nuestros votos por la salud del presidente Fidel Castro”, dijo Uribe, pasando de inmediato a otro tema y sin dar detalles sobre el estado actual de Castro, de 82 años, quien abandonó la presidencia cubana en 2006, cuando fue sometido a una cirugía estomacal. Desde entonces no se ve en público a Castro, quien mantiene históricas buenas relaciones con Bogotá. Uribe

además abordó el tema del nuevo gobierno de Obama, con quien ha hablado al menos en dos ocasiones telefónicamente, antes y después de la elección del mandatario estadounidense, en noviembre. “Recibimos al nuevo gobierno de Estados Unidos del presidente Obama con la más positivo expectativa, con todas las ilusiones, admiramos muchísimo esa gran dinámica de la democracia de los Estados Unidos”, dijo Uribe, visto como el más sólido aliado en la región del ex mandatario George W. Bush. En Colombia “tenemos toda la disposición para mantener esa gran alianza, orientarla siempre por el camino correcto con los Estados Unidos y para ayudar, con prudencia y eficacia, para que todos los días haya un mejor entendimiento entre los Estados Unidos y nuestra región”, dijo. Como senador, Obama se opuso a una ratificación legislativa del tratado de libre comercio entre Bogotá y Washington argumentando que Colombia debía mejorar su récord en

tema como la protección a la vida de sindicalistas. El gobierno de Uribe admite que los asesinatos de sindicalistas son altos, al menos 40 el año pasado, según cifras de grupos no gubernamentales; pero lejos de los más de 150 que eran asesinados a comienzos de década. El mandatario también dijo que “ojalá podamos reconstruir las relaciones con el gobierno de Ecuador”. Los lazos diplomáticos fueron rotos por Quito el 3 de marzo, en protesta por el operativo militar colombiano realizado dos días antes y en que unidades del ejército penetraron territorio ecuatoriano en la frontera y atacaron un campamento de las rebeldes Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), matando a Raúl Reyes, uno de los jefes de esa guerrilla. “Tenemos todo el afecto por el pueblo ecuatoriano, el respeto por sus instituciones democráticas y su gobierno”, dijo Uribe, intensamente criticado por su colega ecuatoriano, Rafael Correa debido al operativo militar de marzo. “No guardamos odios”, aseguró

Uribe ratificando “nuestras relaciones” diplomáticas. “Nuestra decisión ha sido la derrota del terrorismo, nunca la afrenta a nuestros pueblos a que se restablezcan las hermanos”. □

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